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REF: A) 1976 BRASILIA 7889, B) BRASILIA 1638, C) BRASILIA 3750

1. THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN APPROVED AS PART OF THE BRAZIL FY-77 NCAP:

A. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT \$193,000 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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B. POLICE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT 26,000
C. LABORATORY EQUIPMENT 31,000
D. ACADEMY NARCOTICS COURSE 25,000

SUB TOTAL \$275,000

2. DISCUSSION (PARAS 2-7). THE ITEMS REQUESTED IN THE

COMMUNICATIONS AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT CATEGORIES ARE APPROVED. THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN RECALCULATED TO REFLECT CURRENT HIGHER PURCHASE PRICES IN THESE AND REMAINING CATEGORIES.

- 3. WITH REGARD TO POLICE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, ITEMS REQUESTED REF (B), PARA 3, ITEMS 6,7, AND 8 HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BECAUSE OF, RESPECTIVELY, EXCESSIVE COST, PROHIBITIONS AGAINST SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT, AND UNAVAILABILITY. ALL OTHER ITEMS THIS CATEGORY ARE APPROVED, WITH A QUALIFICATION REGARDING REF (B) ITEM 3 (NARCOTEST DISPOSAKITS). IN VIEW OF CURRENT HIGH COST PER UNIT OF LATTER, AND THE PROVISION OF 600 SUCH KITS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT RESUPPLY OF SPENT CHEMICAL REAGENTS WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN PURCHASE OF COMPLETE NEW KITS.
- 4. AMOUNT FOR ACADEMY NARCOTICS COURSE IS SIMILARLY APPROVED. IN VIEW OF ESCALATING PURCHASE COSTS, HOWEVER, AMOUNT MAY NOT NOW BE ADEQUATE TO MEET FULL REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT. DEPARTMENT DID NOT PREVIOUSLY REQUEST EMBASSY'S BREAKDOWN FOR THIS CATEGORY AND SO CANNOT CARRY OUT PRICE ANALYSIS. IF EMBASSY WERE TO PROVIDE DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT, DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE.
- 5. ADDITIONAL \$60,000 HAS ALREADY BEEN TRANSFERRED DIRECTLY TO DEA FROM S/NM FOR LOCAL OPERATING SUPPORT COSTS. TOTAL APPROVED FUNDING FOR BRAZIL, THEREFORE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS \$335,000.

- 6. PROPOSED AMOUNT FOR MOTOR LAUNCH PURCHASE WAS NOT APPROVED. CONSENSUS HERE IS THAT INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF TRAFFICKING THROUGH UPPER AMAZON AND VASTNESS OF AREA TO BE PATROLLED MILITATE AGAINST SUCH EXPENDITURE AT THIS TIME.
- 7. PROPOSED AMOUNT FOR CUSTOMS NOT APPROVED IN LIGHT OF CUSTOMS' APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST IN PLACING ADDED EMPHASIS ON NARCOTICS INTERDICTION OR IN FORMING SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS GROUPS.
- 8. FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM EMBASSY THE ESTIMATED AND PROPOSED GOB APPROPRIATION LEVELS FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT FOR 1976 AND 1977, SPECIFYING AMOUNTS GOING TO FEDERAL POLICE.
- 9. ALLOTMENT INFORMATION FOLLOWS SEPTEL. WITH EMBASSY

CONCURRENCE, PIO/CS COVERING PROCUREMENT OF COMMODITIES LISTED REF "B", WITH EXCEPTIONS NOTED PARA 3 ABOVE, WILL BE ISSUED AT AID/W. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHICH DRUGS ARE MOST NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY AND WHAT QUANTITIES, REQUIRED TO REPLENISH NARCOTEST STOCKS AS RECOMMENDED PARA 3 ABOVE. VANCE

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